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 - ☐ the explanation provided on the attached sheet.
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 - ☐ submission of the enclosed International Search Report.
 - ☐ the enclosed English language abstract.

☐ Applicant requests that the following pending applications be considered:

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